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DEPUTIES' MEETING

Monday, 13 June 1955

PRESENT: Mr. Dulles, General Cabell, Mr. Wisner, Col. White,
Messrs. Kirkpatrick, Helms, Bissell, Sheldon, Dr.
Kent, [redacted] (part of meeting), [redacted]

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Mr. Dulles:

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b. Noted a cable from [redacted] dated May 25, 1955 respecting the [redacted] mission and asked if a reply had been sent. Mr. Wisner said he believed not since this is a rather knotty problem, however, it has been discussed. The Director said he realized this but asked that an interim reply be sent.

c. Referred to Amb. Luce's recent report respecting smuggling of heroin from Italy to the United States and stated that: 1) he did not feel this is CIA's problem; 2) it has up to this time been in the hands of Treasury; 3) Amb. Luce's report was the first he had heard about this situation and as far as he knew the first time it had been brought to the attention of the Department of State.

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[redacted] suggesting that Amb. Conant be contacted during his forthcoming visit to Washington on the subject of the assignment of a scientific attache to his office and noted his intentions of discussing this with him. Mr. Sheldon said at the present time Conant feels that as long as he is in Germany he can personally handle scientific matters.

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h. Noted a press report respecting the defection of a Chinese motorized junk in the Gulf of Tonkin and asked DD/P to determine whether we had received any report on this.

General Cabell:

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25X1 Mr. Helms remarked it had been carefully staffed out. General Cabell said that he also disagreed with the proposal that the [redacted] report directly to headquarters rather than Senior Rep [redacted]. After some discussion it was agreed that DDCI would discuss the proposed changes with Mr. Helms and [redacted] and report the results thereof to the Director.

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Mr. Kirkpatrick:

25X1 Reported that [redacted] had asked him to determine from the Director whether [redacted], who was recently convicted of manslaughter [redacted] as a result of a fight with an RAF officer, should be terminated or allowed to resign. The Director said he should be terminated. Mr. Helms pointed out that he did not know the full facts of this case and would like an opportunity to study it. After some discussion it was agreed that a memorandum on this matter would be prepared for the Director setting forth the recommendations of IG, COP and [redacted].

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